

Dear Ken: This is a quick recap of some of the comments I have made. Most of the comments I have sent included long explanations and/or documentation but on this summary I have only included only the documentation regarding the Armenian genocide and the Holocaust.

1. Page 288, line 590-591: Proposed Edits, May 8, 2015

Source: AB 1915 Section 2 (b)

Please consider adding the next two sentences.:

When the Great War ended American missionaries with their Christian ethical beliefs and their Near East Relief Foundation saved the Armenian race from total annihilation. Students can learn more about this first world humanitarian project in response to the Armenian genocide through the link for the Near East online museum. <http://neareastmuseum.com/>

2. To the History-Social Science Framework Members:

Please consider the following: Chapter 5 Page 301, line 876

Source AB1915 Section 3.5 (1 and 2)

Students should be encouraged to research firsthand Armenian survivor and eye witness accounts in the teaching of human rights from video, DVD, or online video. The USC Shoah link is a good beginning:

<https://sfi.usc.edu/collections/armenian>

3. Members of the Framework Committee:

Please consider in chapter 5, Rise of Totalitarian Governments after World War I, adding the following sentence on page 305 line 980 regarding the rise of Hitler and the Jews

Examine the similarities of the Armenian genocide in WWI to the Holocaust in WWII.

4. To the framework committee: 10th Grade Monitoring Progress Example

Please consider adding this question to the students: In the struggle of memory against forgetting, the history of the Armenian Genocide is just as critical in the teaching of World War I as is the profound teaching of the Holocaust during WWII. Both Germany and Turkey wanted land that belonged to others.

Students should meet in groups of four to analyze and develop a line of reasoning how the Armenian genocide became the template for the Holocaust.

Historical facts:

Henry Morgenthau, Sr., the American Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire from 1913-1916, reported to U S Secretary of State Robert Lansing a conversation held with German Ambassador Baron Von Wangenheim concerning the Armenian deportations and the Polish Jews on October 7, 1915. Library of Congress, Manuscript Division, Microfilm reel 22.

Wangenheim told me that the Armenians had shown themselves as enemies to the Turks and that the two peoples could never live together and that we ought to take them to America and Germany would send some to Poland and send Jewish Poles here if they agreed not to work in Zionist schemes. He said Jews in Poland are not desirable citizens at the German frontier.

Hitler and the Armenian Genocide: August 1939: From the notebook of Colonel General Halder, Chief of the General Staff of the Army: Kevork B. Bardakjian, ***Hitler and the Armenian Genocide*** (Cambridge, Massachusetts: The Zoryan Institute, 1985). Page 17

Hitler stated: I have placed my death-head formations in readiness - for the present only in the East - with orders to them to send to death mercilessly and without compassion, men, women, and children of Polish derivation and language. Only thus shall we gain the living space (lebensraum) which we need. Who still talks nowadays of the extermination of the Armenians?"

OPERATION NEMESIS by ERIC BOGOSIAN ... Little, Brown and Co. 2015...page 220: ***It is possible that hundreds of German soldiers who served in the Ottoman Empire during World War I went on to become Schutzstaffel or "SS" officers in Nazi Germany?***

Thank you.

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